

while listening to the news yesterday I heard something that I find tremendously disturbing. Apparently Sinclair Broadcasting has made the decision to pre-empt normal programming on their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. Knowing that this is a violation of election law to air this sort of program within sixty days of an election Sinclair is arguing that this is not a calculated political strategy, but "news."

Sinclair Broadcasting's argument is a synical one that insults the public sensibility and undermines the guarantees of our election laws. It flaunts the FCC rules and underscores the dangers of media consolidation. What viewers are being offered is not news, but a calculated piece of political propoganda.

If Sinclair is not sanctioned there will be reprecussions far beyond this election. The credibility and motivations of the FCC are already under scrutiny because of the decency guidelines they are being pressured to enforce. When something as important as the democratic process is being so blatantly manipulated I would be disappointed if the FCC did not act decisively and publicly.

Please protect the public interest and exercise your proper authority by not allowing Sinclair Broadcasting to use it's media holdings to toy with our democracy.

Sincerely,
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